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SUBJECT: OBTAINING FISHING PERMITS BY RADIO: BANK OF
AMERICA CONNECTION

REFS: (A) QUITO 8207; (B) QUITO 8287; (C) GUAYAQUIL
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1. ARA/AND/E CONTACTED SCOTT BESSMAN OF INTERNATIONAL BANK-
ING OFFICE, BANK OF AMERICA, SAN DIEGO, TO SOLICIT PROGRESS
REPORT. BESSMAN REFERRED US TO CRAIG HURSH, WHO HAD CON-
TACTED AMERICAN TUNA BOAT ASSOCIATION. HURSH UNABLE TO
TALK DIRECTLY WITH A. FELANDO, BUT WAS INFORMED BY ED DE
SILVA, FELANDO'S ASSISTANT, THAT THE TUNA ASSOCIATION WAS
NOT PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN PURSUING BANK OF AMERICA
CONNECTION AS THEY HAD THEIR OWN CONNECTIONS THROUGH THE
CANNERIES.

2. BEFORE RECEIPT OF REFTL, OES HAD DISCUSSED PURCHASE OF
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FISHING PERMITS VIA BANK OF AMERICA WITH MIKE ZOLEZI,

ALSO ONE OF FELANDO'S ASSISTANTS, WHO INDICATED THE TUNA ASSOCIATION WAS INTERESTED IN PURSUING THIS ARRANGEMENT. NOVEMBER 30, HOWEVER, BOA REP IN WASHINGTON CONTACTED OES TO SAY THAT TUNA INDUSTRY WAS NOT INTERESTED IN PURSUING LICENSES VIA RADIO AT THIS TIME, AS 100 OF THEIR ATTENTION

NOW FOCUSED ON PORPOISE PROBLEM. IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT FELANDO HIMSELF MUST BE CONTACTED BEFORE A FINAL DETERMINATION ON THE ISSUE CAN BE MADE.

3. FELANDO HAS BEEN UNAVAILABLE FOR WEEKS DUE TO COURT HEARINGS ON PORPOISE ISSUE. HE IS SUPPOSED TO DISCUSS FISHING LICENSE PURCHASE WITH BANK OF AMERICA REPRESENTATIVE HURSH MONDAY, DECEMBER 6. DEPARTMENT WILL PROVIDE STATUS REPORT FOLLOWING THEIR DISCUSSION.

4. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES IDEAS OUTLINED REFTELS B AND C ARE REASONABLE, BUT OF COURSE WILL BE CONTINGENT UPON TUNA INDUSTRY APPROVAL OF REVOLVING GUARANTEE BANK ACCOUNT. ROBINSON

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